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Action Memorandum No. A-249
Date 4 June 1963

TO : General Counsel
Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT : Duties of the Deputy Director, NRO

REFERENCE: Memorandum for Director, NRO Program B, from Colonel John L. Martin, Jr., Director, NRO Staff, dated 10 May 1963, Subject: Duties of the Deputy Director, NRO, w/attachment Entitled "Method of Operation for DDNRO"

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1. Attached herewith is a memorandum of 10 May, Subject: Duties of the Deputy Director, NRO, signed by the Director of the NRO Staff.
2. These duties have some merit in certain areas but in others are entirely too specific and appear to denigrate the position of Deputy Director of NRO far below the clear intent of the basic NRO agreement. Furthermore, any directive assigning duties to the Deputy Director, NRO, should come only and directly from Dr. McMillan and should have the prior approval of the Director of Central Intelligence, Mr. McCone.
3. Please take the necessary action to prepare a draft revision of these duties to conform to the DCI's clear intent to have a full-time Deputy on duty at NRO in the chain of command on all matters. These duties should be broad, general, and all-inclusive insofar as a Deputy should be concerned.
4. The duties of the Director, NRO Program B, need not necessarily (and probably should not) conform to the duties of the Deputy Director, NRO. In other words, it is quite likely that there will be a Deputy Director, NRO, a Director, NRO Program B, and a Deputy Director of Research, all three different people and all from CIA. The interrelationships between the three

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is a matter for DCI to determine but the functions and duties should be spelled out separately.

5. It is the DCI's intention to require the withdrawal of the attached memorandum of 10 May and the reissuance over McMillan's signature of a proper terms of reference for the Deputy Director, NRO. This information and intent should not be discussed with Department of Defense personnel since the DCI wishes first to discuss it with Secretary Gilpatric.

Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director

Attachment

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